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General Memoranda.

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9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
Register of Shares of The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 20th January, 1904, inclusive.

11 a.m.—Auction of Two Field Spaniels, at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of an Assortment of Japanese Curios, etc., at Mr. V. I. Remond's Sales Rooms.

9 p.m.—A Concert of Hongkong Volunteer Corps at City Hall.

Transfer Books of The National Bank of China, Ltd., close from this date to the 30th inst., inclusive.
Register of Shares of The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 27th January, inclusive.
Register of Shares of The West Point Building Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 27th January, inclusive.

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At his residence, Kobe, on Jan. 4, HENRY BUCKINGHAM LUCAS, aged 60 years.
On December 4, at 7, Chandelero-road, Waterloo, after a painful illness, aged 41 years, ROBERT CARNEGIE DIXON, the beloved husband of Ada Dixon, and late Marine Surveyor to the Board of Trade, Hongkong.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.25 p.m.
The China Mail.
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1904.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

After what we wrote last night, it is very unkind of a correspondent to write to us to-day, as follows:—We are invited to go in for plebiscites and cablegrams to Chamberlain, but I don't believe half-a-dozen men in the community know what is Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy. I wish, and other people wish also, that you would furnish the public with a simple statement of the facts of the case, and perhaps, also, a suggestion as to how its acceptance would affect Hongkong in particular. Without agreeing with our correspondent's statement that not half-a-dozen men know the import of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal proposals, we would submit that they are, successively stated:—(1) Preferential tariff within the Empire; (2) Retaliatory tariffs and legislation against countries that levy duties on British manufactures or legislate against British shipping. We leave the application of these proposals to our readers, who ought to know how their individual interests are affected. We endeavored to show last night how Hongkong was affected in certain interests, and we explained, possibly not quite clearly, that the support of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals need not necessarily involve the establishment of a Customs Commission.

pointed to consider the broad aspects of the question, and that properly-qualified representatives should be appointed by responsible commercial bodies in Hongkong to state Hongkong's special case. It is impossible in our limited space to reproduce any of the excellent summaries of Mr. Chamberlain's speeches on fiscal reform, and if any Hongkong resident has failed to make himself acquainted with the subject through the medium of his Home newspapers then we do not see much use of attempting to summarise a hundredth part of the speeches made for and against the proposal during the past six months. Life is too short. If we might summarise all that we have said ourselves on the subject, we would give the following advice—Support Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, reserving for Hongkong the right of special consideration when tariff reform is introduced into Parliament.

Portuguese Crown Prince to Tour.
The Portuguese Crown Prince starts in March on a tour of the Portuguese and British Colonies in Africa and India. The Crown Prince of Portugal is Dom Luiz Filipe, Duque de Braganca. The Bourbon name he bears is explained by the fact that his mother, Queen Maria Amelia, is a daughter of Philippe, Duc d'Orleans. The young Prince will complete his 17th year on March 21, and apparently is to start immediately after. Portugal still owns a good deal of south-east Africa; but in the East its Empire has dwindled to insignificant remnants of a once extensive dominion. It is at Goa, the seat of the Viceroy of the Indies, as he is still called, and the metropolis of the Portuguese possessions in the East (says *The Times of Ceylon*), that the young Prince will meet with the warmest welcome in this part of the world, for the loyalty of the Goans is a sentiment which overrides all other national considerations. Should Dom Luiz decide to make a complete tour of his father's dominions, he would pass through Colombo on his way to Madras and Timor; and we trust that Ceylon is on his itinerary for its own sake. It is understood, when the Prince ascends the Throne, that he will drop his second name, for three Spanish Filipes—the only Portuguese kings of that name—have made it odious to Portuguese ears.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Germany's Birth Record.
The number of births in Germany for the year 1902 exceeded the number of deaths by 902,312. This constitutes a record for the Empire.

A Mad Millionaire.
Mr. Wentz, the missing Virginian millionaire, who was believed to have been kidnapped, has been discovered in a demented condition in the mountains.

Death of a Liberal M.P.
An interesting personality has passed away in the Member for Gateshead, who was born at Dundee in 1837. Sir William Allan, who was knighted last year, has sat for Gateshead since 1893, with majorities averaging 700 votes.

Test Cricket Trophy.
A *Central News* message from Melbourne states that a prominent citizen of Melbourne, whose name is for the present withheld by request, has offered a trophy valued 250 guineas as a permanent trophy for competition in test cricket matches between the Australian colonies and the mother country.

What About Transport?
The *Medras Mail* of the 29th ult. says:—In connection with the crisis in the Far East, so far no enquiries for transport have reached Calcutta, but there is a general belief that the reports of the taking up of vessels at Kobe and elsewhere are correct. The money market is also unsteady consequently.

Cricket Club Dances.
By advertisement in another column the Hongkong Cricket Club announce that they are endeavouring to organise a dance for Feb. 3, instead of the three formerly suggested. The conditions are given, and it should not be difficult for the committee to secure all the subscribers they desire. We commend the matter to the notice of cricketers and others.

A Record in Ballooning.
The *Petit Parisien* publishes a telegram from Bern which states that the record has been broken. A balloon ascended at Zurich, and in less than 50 minutes reached an altitude of 18,000 metres (over 11 miles). The balloon contained only registering instruments, which marked the temperature as 53 deg. below zero. This achievement constitutes a record in ballooning.

Mr. Chamberlain's Visit to Malta.
R.N., of H.M.S. *Mohawk*, (who was wounded at Durban last week, as related in our telegram) arrived at Alexandria on Sunday afternoon from Malta by the s.s. *Austrian*, of the Ellerman Line. Mrs. Gaunt left Alexandria yesterday for Port Said, where she will take the first steamer for Aden, en route to join her husband. Mrs. Gaunt received an urgent telegram in Malta asking her to proceed to Aden at once.

Billiards in the Far East.
Hongkong has for many years held a good record in the game of Billiards and it may be interesting to know that our present local amateur Champion beat his previous records in breaks the other day. In a half-hour game (spot and push barred, according to the new rules) Mr. E. H. Hinds made a break of 153 in about ten minutes. This is, of course, the highest record in this Colony for a long series of years, and we fancy it is the highest for any amateur player East of Suez. We shall be pleased to hear of anything better.

The Late Mr. E. C. Dixon.
We regret to learn of the death, on the 4th of December, of Mr. Robert C. Dixon, formerly Government Marine Surveyor in Hongkong. Mr. Dixon was for many years in the Government service, first as Assistant Marine Surveyor and afterwards at the head of his sub-department at the Harbour Office, and was a conscientious and painstaking officer, being very popular with the seafaring community. The arduous duties of his post, one of the overworked departments in the service, told rapidly upon a constitution never robust, and shortly after his return from leave about three years ago, his health broke down, and he was compelled to resign the service. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Dixon and her young family.

Far Eastern Golf Championship.
A Calcutta telegram, dated 27th December, states:—The Amateur Golf Championship of India and the Far East, played on the Tollymore Club links, concluded yesterday evening. Mr. Dring, of the Calcutta Golf Club, winning the Championship Cup; and Mr. Simson, of the same Club, being the runner up. The following were the entries:—Lieutenant-Colonel Becher (Bareilly), Major Crawley (Rangoon), Captain Hill (Umbehall), Messrs. Stevens (Bombay), Murray (Kasauli), Cuthbert Hartnell (Perth), Beavis (Nuwara Eliya), Fleming (Lucknow), Ogilvy (Tollymore), Ellis (Straits Settlements), Stewart (Sasarak), and Norman Mitchell-Innes, Simson, Dring, F. H. Stewart, Peterkin, Begg, Lamb, Walker, Youngson, Sinclair, Gillespie, Lean, Fyfe, Engel, Williamson, Lyon, Cuthbert Stuart, Smith, Harvey, Morgan, J. R. Stewart, Macleod, Wild, Cuthbert Hall and Laidlaw of the Calcutta Golf Club.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
Britain has recognised the Panama Republic.

The liner *Preussen* has been ashore near Flushing.

The King and the Queen hope to visit Ireland again next year.

Turkey persists in her objection to the appointment of an Italian as General of the Macedonian Gendarmerie.

On the 9th ult., Punch announced with all the gravity he was capable of:—The Navy has had a fairly satisfactory week. We have lost one vessel and acquired two.

'A movement is on foot,' says Punch, 'to compel financiers, when registering companies, to deposit their finger-prints, not necessary for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.'

It is understood that about 300 artisans will be recruited by the Railway authorities from China for the Central workshop at Kuala Lumpur, says the *Straits Times*. This number does not include those from India and Ceylon.

A Lion Tamer Killed.
Madame Fischer, a lion-tamer, while giving her 1,000th performance at Dossy, in Germany, on the 7th ult., was literally torn to pieces in the presence of her three children. Smith, an English lion-tamer, rescued the body after a conflict with ten lions.

Portuguese Minister to Peking.
A passenger by the M. M. mail s.s. *Ernest Simon*, which left yesterday for Shanghai, was H. E. Consalheiro, Jose d'Almeida Castello de Branco, the Portuguese Minister to Peking. H. E. was accompanied on board the mail liner by Consul-General Romano, Consul-General Moraes of Canton, Monsieur Liebert, Consul for France in this Colony, and Vice-Consul J. J. Leiris, in the Consulate's steam launch. H. E. will proceed from Shanghai to Peking.

Cricket in Australia.
In the first test match at Sydney, Duff, Trumper and Hill were dismissed for 12 runs in the first innings of the Australians, Foster catching Trumper brilliantly with the left hand, low down, off Arnold's first ball, and Lilley catching the other two at the wicket. Noble and Armstrong then played carefully, the latter scoring 48 in two hours five minutes. At one time, Hirst bowled 11 overs for 8 runs and 6 maidens, and Arnold's 12 overs produced 29 runs 3 maidens 2 wickets. Thirty-seven runs were scored in the first hour. In the Inter-State match between New South Wales and South Australia prior to the Test Match, Duff scored 287 runs and Noble 230.

Window Panes Stolen.
For some time past the Land Investment Company have been troubled by thieves, who force an entrance into unoccupied houses and remove the panes of glass from the windows. No less than 144 panes of glass were reported as having been stolen from Burrows Street alone. The police have been actively engaged on the case, and Chan Poi was caught coming out of a house with twenty-nine panes of glass in his possession. He had effected an entrance through the trap door on the roof and was leaving with the spoil when arrested. Further enquiries resulted in Pui Chan being arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of thirteen panes of glass. He said he bought the glass for fifteen cents. At the Magistrate's day, before Mr. Gompertz, Chan Poi was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and Pui Chan was sent to goal for three months. Inspector Collett had charge of the case for the police.

An Interesting Gift.
Lord Curzon has presented to Les Invalides Museum in Paris a complete collection of Indian Army medals since 1799 to 1900. M. Delasse has written warmly thanking His Excellency for his unique gift. *The Times of Ceylon* says:—A complete set of Indian army medals since 1799 is a valuable gift, and it should not include any souvenir which France could consider distasteful. France's interest in India is deep to all intents and purposes when the great Dupleix was recalled by Louis Quinze and left to die in poverty with his ambitious dreams unfulfilled. The Revolution gave France little leisure to continue the hopeless struggle against Great Britain in India, and when the Little Corporal was in a position to allow his ambition full rein, the prize was gone for ever. The exploits of the French ended in 1858, so the collection of medals which the famous Paris Military Museum has received will bear no record of La Bourdonnais' capture of Madras, nor of the exploits of Pitt's 'haroon general' at Arcot and Plassey and elsewhere. The period from 1799 on has been stirring times enough in India, but France has had no part in them, so that Lord Curzon's collection of medals can only have a relative historic interest to her.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
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JAPAN THREATENS RUSSIA.

RUSSIAN REPLY CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Russia Must Recede or Fight.

LONDON, January 12.

The *Times* correspondent at Peking reports that the Chinese Minister at Tokio has telegraphed to Prince Ching as follows:—

The Japanese Foreign Office requests me to make the following communication to you: The second Russian reply received at Tokio is unfavourable and cannot be accepted by Japan, who, unless Russia recedes, will be compelled to promptly resort to arms.

[Writing recently on the question of whether China should engage in any war between Japan and Russia, the *Times* correspondent at Peking, published in *Gazette*, a Chinese newspaper published at Shanghai, said that if the Russo-Japanese Convention was on account of the Korean question, China should still play her part in the impending war, for Korea has been the least spark of the fire. But, as far as China's territory is concerned, the Convention was connected with the Manchurian question, and therefore there is every reason why China should join Japan to fight Russia. If China should be so foolish as to remain neutral for fear of her weakness, then her fate is sealed. There will be no restoration of Manchuria; it will be lost for ever to the conquering side, Russia or Japan, and following the loss of Manchuria begins the dissolution of the Empire. China, therefore, is obliged to fight, even with the least spark of her life. This is interlocking as an expression of opinion, but it is absolutely futile.—En. C.M.]

Preparing for the Worst.

Though little news could be gleaned locally to-day with regard to the probable action of Japan in connection with Russia's reply to her demands, sufficient was learned to show that fears are entertained that war will be declared. The present strain is unrelenting, and is having a bad effect upon Japanese shipping in particular. Cargo for the East is coming forward in larger quantities by the P. and O. line, and that company has been obliged to put on this run several of their new "large" steamers, which have been on the service to Calcutta at this time. Advantage is being taken by the Admiralty and military authorities of the regularity with which these steamers are sailing to send out large quantities of ammunition and other war necessities to Hongkong, and it is believed that the Colony is better stocked at present with war material than the Navy and munitions of war generally than it has been in its history.

Japanese Press Pessimistic.
Japanese newspapers now coming in hand do not disguise the fact that war is probable, and those journals who have hitherto advanced optimistic views have now turned and confessed that the time has arrived for plain-speaking and recognition of the fact that danger threatens. The *Kobe Herald* goes so far as to say that, "It can hardly even be said that the question of peace or war is still in the balance. To use John Bright's fine simile, the rustling of the wings of the Death Angel can already almost be heard. For, of course, war, and particularly such a war as now, has to be anticipated, where both combatants are in the most deadly earnest—mean sorrowful lamentation in many thousands of homes. That has to be faced. It is useless to try and obfuscate it. But, on the other hand, war will have its compensations also. It will put an end to a situation which has for long been growing more and more intolerable, and it may be hoped that it will end in establishing a lasting peace in the vast territories of the Far East."

Urging an Ultimatum.

It is further noteworthy that the semi-official *Nichi-Nichi* has now taken up a very bellicose attitude. In a leading article entitled "How to Deal with Russia," the Tokyo journal declares it is impossible that a solution of the difficulty can be any longer delayed. Japan, it declares, must give Russia a reasonable time for reply to her Note of the 21st ultimo, and then take steps to protect her interests without delay. An ultimatum would then probably be served giving Russia a certain number of days in which to reply, but the Tokyo journal goes on to urge that an ultimatum is not absolutely necessary because it may be a good strategic move for Russia to delay a reply. As a matter of fact the occupation of Mukden is practically an act of war on the part of Russia, and there is need for Japan to wait any longer. The *Nichi-Nichi* accuses Russia of utter lack of diplomatic faith, and urges that if an ultimatum is to be dispatched it should be sent immediately, as Japan has already waited long enough for an answer to her latest Note.

Commenting on the issue of instructions by the Army and Navy authorities to the Press not to publish matters connected with the movements of troops, etc., the *Kobe Chronicle* says:—Such a Notification has, we believe, never previously been issued in Japan save when a state of war actually existed. It may therefore be judged how grave the situation is as it presents itself to the Government.

Great Fall in Securities.
The opening of the share market on the 4th inst., after the New Year's recess, witnessed a sharp depreciation of all securities, says the *Japan Mail*. Something very like war-levels were touched. Of course many brokers are heavily hit. It is apprehended that there will not be a few bankruptcies, and there are fears even of a panic and the compulsory closing of the Exchange.

TELEGRAMS.

Excitement at Vladivostok.
The *Jiji* publishes a Vladivostok telegram to the effect that the cruiser *Gromov* had left there and that all the other warships were making preparations for departure, and much excitement prevailed among the people. This latter statement can easily be believed, for the people in Vladivostok have, by the operations of the censor, been kept in ignorance of the real situation. With regard to the movements of the Russian squadron, information has reached Tokyo that the principal force of the squadron remains at Port Arthur, though several warships are still at Vladivostok. The Russian vessels which were lying at Chemulpo have all proceeded to Port Arthur.

Sympathy with Japan.

A telegram to the *Ozka Mainichi* dated London, January 4, states that *The Times*, in an article reviewing the situation, states that Russia must either withdraw or fight. It considers that the war ought at once to be declared, as when Japan takes the measures which the journal believes to be contemplated, the opportunity of averting hostilities will have vanished. One dated January 3 says that a number of Japanese blue-jackets visited London on the 2nd inst., and received hearty demonstrations from crowds of English people as they passed through the street. The Japanese Legation unofficially expressed appreciation of the evident sympathy of the British people with Japan.

Russian Public Sceptical.

Another *Mainichi* telegram says that the Moscow correspondent of *The Times* declares that the Russian public generally discredit the optimistic assurances from St. Petersburg on account of the immense warlike preparations which are everywhere being made and the despatch of additional forces to Manchuria.

Torpedo Boats Sail.

A Kure despatch to the *Asahi* states that a number of torpedo boats were, on January 4, suddenly ordered to take in torpedoes and sail immediately. They departed promptly, possibly for the Korean Straits.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, January 12.

Germany and the other Powers of the Triple Alliance have determined to observe strict neutrality in the event of hostilities between Russia and Japan.

The present uncertainty is having a disturbing effect on Russian public opinion which is becoming more and more pessimistic, but the Press, while warning Japan that Russia has reached the limit in the way of concessions, professes to be hopeful of peace.

[For the Russian Press, we may much more rationally read the 'Russian War Party'.—En. C.M.]

ALLIANCE TENSION.

A successful engagement has been fought in Somaliland. Two British officers were killed and eight severely wounded; one thousand of the enemy were killed.

Supreme Court.

At the Supreme Court to-day, before Mr. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, Tong Lun On, of 22, Sai Yuen Street, sued Wan In Nam, a trader, master of the Kwan Wo Tung firm, of 53 A Borden village, to recover the sum of \$175.67. This amount represented moneys alleged to have been deposited by the plaintiff with the defendant, as to \$100 on two separate deposit receipts of \$50 each, written in the Chinese language, and dated 6th August, 1902, and as to \$75.67 on a deposit receipt, also written in Chinese, and dated 4th December, 1902. Mr. J. Hays, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, and Mr. E. A. Bonner, of Messrs. Dunns and Bowley, represented the defendant. Mr. Wise adjourned the matter.

A Ship on Fire.

The Norwegian steamer *Frøen* caught fire in the harbour last evening about 6 o'clock, but before very much damage was done the flames were extinguished. The fire is alleged to have been caused by a European lamptrimmer dropping a riding lamp in the lamp room. He was cleaning the lamp, and after he had finished he lit the lamp and was holding it by the handle, when he let it fall. The flames at once spread, and in endeavouring to put them out, the lamp trimmer's arm was burnt. The flames reached the forepeak and the woodwork fittings were soon ablaze. The ship was lying off the Gas Company's works, and one of the employees seeing the flames reported the fire to the Central police station. The fire was ordered out and Chief Inspector Baker and Inspector McDonald, together with a detachment of firemen, turned out. The forepeak was flooded, and a hose was played on to the fire through a port hole. With the flooding of the forepeak, the fire was subdued, and after making sure that there was no danger of a further outbreak, the brigade left. The damage is not estimated as yet, but it is probable that it will not be very heavy.

Quite an Absurdity.—To speak of the 'footprints of time' when it is well known that time flies.

Baby Cough Must Never Linger.

NOTHING is more distressing than to see a helpless little infant suffering with a cough and to be fearful of using a remedy which may contain some harmful ingredient. The makers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy positively guarantee that this preparation does not contain opium in any form, or any other harmful substance. Mothers may confidently give this remedy to their little ones. It gives prompt relief and is perfectly safe. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

